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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Prospective Consultant

1. Problem

To secure approval to approach [REDACTED] for the purpose of securing his services as a consultant on geodesy and gravity.

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2. Discussion

Basic OGR responsibility for intelligence on Soviet developments and capabilities in geodesy and their relationship to Soviet long-range guided missile capabilities require technical specialists in the field of geodesy, astronomy, and gravimetry. (For detailed discussion concerning OGR responsibility and Soviet capabilities in the fields of geodesy and gravimetry see Tabs 1 and 2 attached to memorandum of request for approval 25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] as a consultant dated 6 July 1953.)

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] will be consulted on problems concerning Soviet activities in the field of geodesy and gravity with particular reference to geodetic gravimetry. In addition, [REDACTED] will be consulted on the problem of gravity at higher elevations above the surface of the earth. Consultation will be required to develop indicators of Soviet interests and activities on this problem. [REDACTED] previous examinations of Soviet activities in geodetic gravimetry for the CIA project combined with his eminence in the field of gravity research (Tab 1) offer capabilities that are not available to CIA in the U. S. Government today.

25X1A5a1 It is anticipated that [REDACTED] will be used five days per month during the Fiscal Year 1954. TBS indices check has been made and approved.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that OGR be authorized to contact [REDACTED] and to take the necessary personnel action if interest by Mr. [REDACTED] indicated. It is further recommended that compensation be at the rate of \$50.00 per day plus per diem and travel.

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Approved subject to security clearance:

OGR:Ch [REDACTED] jd (6July 1953)

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